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HURRICANE WILMA SITUATION REPORT

Updates at 8 a.m., noon & 5:00 p.m. today at Emergency Operations Center, 101 North Rock Road, Fort Pierce.

Last Press Conference at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

**The Hurricane Information Line is activated.
The number is (772) 462-2766.
Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.**

Hurricane Situation Report 13
Created (Date/Time): Tuesday, October 25, 2005 @ noon
EOC Activation Level: 1-Full

Newest information is highlighted.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Residents are encouraged to stay tuned to WQCS 88.9 FM for County updates at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

Distribution Centers:

All general distribution centers will open today, Tuesday, October 25, 2005. The distribution centers will only have water today. Due to highway problems (sink hole on I-95), water has NOT arrived to St. Lucie County for distribution. Tarps & MREs will be available at 1 p.m. today at Lawnwood and Port St. Lucie City Center.

- Lawnwood Stadium, 1302 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce.
- Indrio Crossings, Kings Highway and Indrio Road, north of Fort Pierce.
- Port St. Lucie City Center, 9500 South U.S.1, Port St. Lucie.

Other Distribution:

- St. Lucie County will open “Blue Tarp” Distribution Centers at Lawnwood Stadium, 1302 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce and at Port St. Lucie City Center, 9500 South U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25., while supplies last.
- The American Red Cross will be serving hot meals at both Lawnwood and City Center distribution locations during the same hours while supplies last.
- St. Lucie West Centennial High School will NOT serve as a distribution center in Port St. Lucie.

Curfew:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 25: A curfew remains in effect tonight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. During curfew hours, alcohol sales and public possession of alcohol will be strictly prohibited.**

Schools:

- All St. Lucie County Schools will be CLOSED Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- All Essential employees and cafeteria managers should report to work on Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School: Only teachers and maintenance staff should report on Wednesday, Oct. 25.
- Saint Andrews Episcopal School in Fort Pierce will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 & Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll Catholic High School will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- Florida Atlantic University’s classes and normal business operations will be closed beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 through Monday, Oct. 24. All programs and offices at the A.D. Henderson University School, FAU High School and the Karen Slattery Child Development Center will be closed on Monday. Classes and regular university operations are expected to resume on Tuesday, Oct. 25. For continual updates on FAU’s status, visit www.fau.edu.
- Indian River Community College will close at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, and remain closed through Monday, October 24. All classes, activities and events scheduled for the weekend through Monday night are canceled.
- All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be in session (OPEN) on Friday, Oct. 21 (full day).
- All St. Lucie County Public Schools will be CLOSED Monday, Oct. 24.
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will be open full day on Friday, Oct. 21 and closed on Monday, Oct. 24.

Volunteers:

- **Call 462-2766 to volunteer to assist with recovery efforts.**

North and South Bridges:

- Residents, business owners and service personnel will now be permitted to South and North Hutchinson Islands until the 7 p.m. curfew tonight. Identification or placards noting business or residence on the barrier islands is required for entrance. Motorists must use caution when traveling due to localized flooding. The bridges will reopen tomorrow, Tuesday, October 25, at 7 a.m.

Roads:

- 25th Street from Edwards Road to Midway Road is closed. Local traffic only. Flooding at Bell Avenue area.
- Law enforcement officials are urging residents to stay off the road until road crews can clear the roads.
- Access to U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce will be limited between Edwards Road and North A1A until flooding and debris can be cleared.
- Law enforcement urges residents to treat intersections with non-working lights as 4-way stops. Road crews will be putting temporary stop signs at intersections where traffic signals are out as soon as the storm passes. Residents should use caution at intersections.

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority:

- Fort Pierce Utilities Authority reports 34% of customers currently without power. 9,000 customers (out of 26,300) have been restored.

FP&L:

- FP&L reports approximately 90% of St. Lucie County customers currently without power. Crews have begun restoring power to county residents.

Fort Pierce:

- The City of Fort Pierce will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Employees should report to work during normal business hours.
- Fort Pierce City Hall, City Marina and Solid Waste Department will close on Monday, October 24, 2005 until further notice.
- The Indian Hills Golf Course will remain open for business until Sunday, October 23, Noon and then close until further notice.
- The City of Fort Pierce is requesting business, homeowners, etc. to remove outdoor signage along the right-of-ways prior to Hurricane Wilma. These objects will become missiles in the hurricane force winds. The City will make every attempt to clear the roadways of temporary signage prior to the storm but also needs the help from the public.
- Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) Director Bud Boudreaux has announced that all normal FPUA operations, including the lobby, will be closed effective at noon on Friday, Oct. 21.

Port St. Lucie:

- Port St. Lucie City Hall is closed Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- The Port St. Lucie Council meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24 is canceled.

- Normal garbage pick up service will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- Port St. Lucie City Hall will be closed to all public business, Monday, Oct. 24. Only essential employees should report to work.

St. Lucie County Government:

- Courts in the 19th Judicial Circuit (St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties) will be closed Tuesday, October 25, 2005.
- The St. Lucie County Landfill will be CLOSED on Tuesday, Oct. 25. There will be NO garbage pick-up county-wide.
- St. Lucie County Government offices will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 25. County offices will reopen on Wednesday, Oct. 26. (Offices include: Board of County Commissioners, Tax Collector, Clerk of Courts, Supervisor of Elections).
- St. Lucie County Property Appraiser's offices will be closed to the public, however, Property Appraiser's employees should report to work to begin assessing damage.
- All St. Lucie County Department Directors must report to the Emergency Operations Center Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.
- Sheriff's office civilian/administrative employees should contact their supervisor to find out if they will report to work on Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- The St. Lucie County Board of County Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25 is canceled.
- St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at full activation Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005 at 7 p.m. The EOC will be at partial activation Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8 a.m.
- The St. Lucie County Board of County Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at County Commission Chambers. Although County Offices are closed that day, the public will be able to attend the meeting if needed. The agenda will only consist of consent items.
- The St. Lucie County Landfill will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- A local State of Emergency will be declared at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.
- St. Lucie County Clerk of Courts offices will close Friday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. until further notice, and Courts will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- All other County Government offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 24 until further notice.
- The following County facilities will be closed as of 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21: all libraries, parks, Oxbow Eco-Center, Fort Pierce Community Center, Lincoln Park Community Center, St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Ravenswood Pool.
- Fairwinds Golf Course will close at noon on Saturday, Oct. 22.
- The following St. Lucie County Government offices will be OPEN all day Friday, Oct. 21: Board of County Commissioners, Tax Collector's office and Sheriff's administration office.
- St. Lucie County Solid Waste Baling & Recycling Facility will have normal business hours on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- The St. Lucie County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, will take place as scheduled.

- The St. Lucie County Special Board of County Commission meeting (scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25) regarding the FP&L coal plant has been rescheduled to Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
- The St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections office will be closed Thursday, Oct. 20 until further notice.
- Beaches will be closed beginning Friday, Oct. 21 until further notice. (No lifeguards).

Generator Safety:

- NEVER use a generator indoors, including in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. DO NOT refuel inside and allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

Evacuations:

- At this point, only residents, emergency workers, business owners and service personnel will be allowed on South and North Hutchinson Island. Fort Pierce Police Department has officers stationed at the base of both bridges.
- Mandatory evacuations of the barrier islands and mobile and manufactured homes begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

Shelters:

- Westwood High School shelter location has been closed.
- The shelters at Lakewood Park Elementary in Fort Pierce and Morningside Elementary in Port St. Lucie have been closed. Residents at Lakewood Park still needing shelter were moved to Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 1801 Panther Lane, in Fort Pierce. Residents at Morningside still needing shelter were moved to Floresta Elementary, 1501 SE Gowin Drive.
- Overnight Sunday, the shelter numbers were: general shelters: 568, special needs: 119.
- Residents going to a general shelter must have a picture ID, however, no residents will be turned away for any reason.
- As of 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 432 St. Lucie County residents are in six (6) shelters. (Special Needs: 101, General Shelter: 331)
- The following General Shelters will be open at 2 p.m. today: Lakewood Park Elementary, 7800 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce and Floresta Elementary, 1501 SE Floresta Drive, Port St. Lucie.
- The following Special Needs Shelters will open at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23: Dan McCarty Middle School, 1201 Mississippi Avenue in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.
- The following General Shelters will open at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23: Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 1801 Panther Lane in Fort Pierce, and Morningside Elementary School, 2300 SE Gowin Drive in Port St. Lucie.
- No lunch will be served at any shelter on Sunday, Oct. 23.
- Residents going to any shelter should bring a pillow, blanket, three day supply of non-perishable food, three day supply of water, prescription medicines, important papers, change of clothing, and personal hygiene articles. No pets, alcohol or firearms permitted in any shelter.

Health Department:

- Oxypros will set up at 1200 SE Industrial Blvd., in Port St. Lucie, (behind Village Green) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Residents must bring empty oxygen cylinders to exchange for full cylinders.
- St. Lucie County Health Department will be closed to routine services on Monday, Oct. 24.
- Oxygen patients seeking shelter are required to bring their own oxygen tanks and concentrators to the shelter.
- St. Lucie County Health Department first shift personnel are to report to their assigned shelter by 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 23.

Community Transit:

- Community Transit is closed today, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- Community Transit will close bus service on Monday, Oct. 24 due to the high winds anticipated. A decision regarding Tuesday's service will be made at a later time.